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A great strengthening of civil control and the adoption of systematic and scientific methods came about in the CCP after a 6-month study of the records of each member and officer of the Party revealed the need for improvement in the control system. The new civil control system includes the following main features.

1. Constant check on discipline is carried out without reference to any periodic schedule. Whenever any member or official has seemed to make a slip in thought, word, or conduct, a conference is called to investigate his present and past thinking and expression in minute detail. This application of discipline often brings the subject to the point of being willing to die to escape the inquisition.

2. A new idea which developed following the investigation referred to above was that of introspection - confession. This idea had for a time a very flourishing vogue both within and without the Party and is still frequently used. Whenever a member or officer makes a mistake in work or action, an introspection and confession conference is convened in which all present are free to criticize every detail of the public and private life of the errant member and to indulge in the most painful reprimands, not being satisfied until their victim has been compelled to divulge his most secret conduct. He is then expected to write out or dictate the whole record. Every officer has a dossier which is inspected every 6 months and at any time between without notice. In this dossier is recorded every fact concerning his experience, service, and qualifications. In addition to over 40 classifications under these headings, there are attached to the dossier ten or more blank sheets for recording important information. This information includes any questions concerning the individual, any mistakes, the conclusions of any investigations made, a record of his changes of thinking, etc. This "book of evidence" follows the individual wherever he goes and constitutes an X-ray picture of his innermost life.

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There are also other less rigorous procedures such as self-criticism, people's weekly meeting, cell criticism, detachment investigation, etc. More recently there has developed the so-called triple-investigation policy, i.e., origins, capacities, and thinking. In connection with this, three generations or ancestry are investigated.

Military Control

Military controls include public prosecution, imprisonment, penal servitude, and execution.

In addition, there are less rigorous measures such as detention in cadre transfer stations, cadre research institutes, cadre rest camps, etc., where tens and hundreds of officers are kept in protective custody. After many months of public and secret examination they are committed to "long term rest" in jail. The "diseases" for which they are treated are not physical, but political. Such treatment frequently results in worsening of the disease as the treatment proceeds.

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